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TOPIC KVP in the Eggesin Area

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. From 5 to 28 May 1953, no additional shipments of personnel, arms or motor vehicles arrived in Eggesin. On about 25 May, 26 officers left Eggesin for Moscow to participate in courses of instruction at the military academy. Source learned that 150 officers were detached to Moscow.
2. Source learned that 52,000,000 eastmarks were appropriated for residual construction work in the Torgelow-Eggesin area. Only part of the barracks installations had been completed and was occupied at the time of observation. Additional 90 low wooden buildings each with a capacity of about 100 soldiers were still to be erected. Building sections had already arrived at Eggesin.
3. From 27 May to 6 June, the camp south of Eggesin was still occupied by about 3,000 KVP and 100 Soviet officers. Motor traffic from and to the installation was intensive,

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4. The construction activity at the barracks installation southeast of Eggesin continued during the period of observation. Many of the buildings constructed during the winter could not be occupied as they had suffered from frost. Three wall footings had been erected in Jagen (forest section) No 183.

5. On 3 June, weapons similar a bazooka were unloaded from a truck in an area which was occupied by tanks and guns, was surrounded by a wire fence and was located in Jagen No 225.

6. On 6 June, Object No VIII near Eggesin quartered a mixed KVP unit including infantry units, artillery units and tank units. A column consisting of 4 x 122-mm guns with split-trails towed by 4 IFA G-5 trucks [redacted] 1 cross-country passenger car occupied by the Sovietnik and 1 truck carrying 30 soldiers armed with submachine guns and carbines left the installation for practices on 6 June. One officer and 7 men belonged to each gun. Orders for mounting the vehicles and start were given by flat signals. [redacted]

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7. On 5 June, a large KVP tent camp and a parking lot for weapons and vehicles nearby were seen in Jagen No 204 near Eggesin. Source counted at least 30 3-axle trucks, about 30x122-mm guns and about 8 AT guns of various calibers at that area.

8. On 6 June, KVP units received infantry training at Jagen No 197. The troops practiced at group and platoon level and included details armed with heavy machine guns. All soldiers were recruits of 17 to 18 years of age. They cursed at their severe drill without the officers taking notice.

1. [redacted] Comment. The low wooden buildings are probably ment to serve as substitute for still uncompleted barracks installations.

2. [redacted] Comment. The camp south of Eggesin probably quarters the division headquarters, the signal battalion, the motorcycle battalion, the engineer battalion, rear services and instruction courses.

3. [redacted] Comment. Object No VIII in Karpin quarters the three mechanized regiments with subordinate tank battalions and the howitzer regiment of the Eggesin Division.

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